By-election in Meham, Haryana

1884. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are differences between the Election Commission and the Haryana Government over the holding of by-election to the Meham Assembly constituency of Haryana Legislative Assembly;

(b) if so, what are the respective views of the Election Commission and the Haryana Government in the matter; and

(c) by what date the election is likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) There are no differences as such, between the Election Commission and the State Government of Haryana over the holding of bye-election o the Meham Assembly Constituency.

(c) The bye-election to the Meham Assembly Constituency is likely to be held in October, 1990.

Adverse effects of hike in foodgrain prices

1885. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent hike in foodgrain prices has squeezed the purchasing power of the fixed income group ;

(b) whether it has also affected the industrial growth ; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ADIL SHASTRI) : (a) to (c) The Hon'ble Member is presumably referring to the increase in issue prices of rice and wheat under PDS. An increase in issue prices affects the fixed income groups to the texent that they draw their supply from the PDS as a proportion of their total consumption. However, such increases have little impact on the purchasing power of the workers in the organised sector as they are compensated for the price hike by an increase in DA which is linked to movement of Consumer Price Index of the Industrial Workers.

The increase in the wage bill, as a result of hike in prices of foodgrains, should have no effect on industrial production if the increase in nominal incomes keep up the effective demand.

Export of granite

1886. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :

SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total value of granite exported during each year from 1984-85 to 1988-89 ;

(b) what is the value of polished granite in such exports in each of these years ; and

(c) what steps Government have taken during these years to boost the export of polished granite and to earn more foreign exchange on such value added items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : (a) and (b) Exports of cut granite blocks and granite polished slabs and tiles, yearwise,

from 1984-85 to 1988-89 are as under :

(Value in Rs. Million)

Year	Granite cut Block	Granite Polished Slabs and Tiles	Total
1984-85	488.5	44 9	533.4
1985-86	463.0	51.3	514.3
1986-87	540.0	60.0	604.0
1987-88	810.5	89.5	900.0
1988-89	1060.0	140.0	1200.0

(c) Licensing of 100% EOUs for export production of cut and polished granite slabs/tiles and resolving of difficulties faced by the entrepreneurs in procurement of their requirements of granite rough blocks by persuading State Governments to adop. stable leasing policies, are some of the steps taken to boost export of polished granite and to earn more foreign exchange on such value added items.

Payment of cash compensatory support to exporters

1887. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the total amount of Cash Compensatory Support paid in each year from 1980-81 to 1988-89 to the exporters of various items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN) : The requisite information is given below :—

(Rs. in Crores)

1980-81	344.15
1981-82	452.48
1982-83	449.75
1983-84	431.50
1984-85	487.75
1985-86	566.72
1986-87	738.87
1987-88	901.81
1988-89	1268.67

कर्ज माफी के संबंध में सरकारी घोषणा के बावजूद कतिपय बैंकों द्वारा कर्ज की वसूली के लिए नोटिसों का जारी किया जाना

1888. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार द्वारा कर्ज माफी की घोषणा किए जाने के बावजूद कतिपय राज्यों में बैंक कर्ज की वसूली के लिए किसानों, हरिजनों